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ABSTRACT:

A system and method for recipe integration provides a single timeline for a cook preparing a meal of several different dishes. A food recipe integration computer combines steps from the recipes of the individual dishes and de-conflicts steps as necessary such that the cook is not required to perform multiple actions at once. The single timeline is a list of steps and corresponding times for preparing the dishes to be ready at the selected times. The time allocated to a given step may be greater for a beginning cook than for a more skilled cook. Optionally, one or more steps in a list are more detailed for less skilled cooks and less detailed for cooks having higher skills.

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